

REMARKS

I. Amendments to the Claims

With this response, the Applicant has amended claims 1, 2 and 6, and claim 7 is cancelled without prejudice.

II. 37 CFR 1.142(b)

Previously presented claims 6 and 7 stand restricted for being directed to an invention that is independent from the invention encompassed by claims 1 and 2. In reply, the Applicant has amended claim 6 to depend from claim 1. The Applicant submits that as amended claim 6 is proper and directed to the searched invention and requests consideration of this claim. Amendments to claim 6 are supported by original filed claims. Claim 7 is herein cancelled without prejudice.

III. 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2002/0016358 ('358) in view of the abstract for Park et al. The Examiner contends that in view of the fact that '358 teaches a cosmetic composition comprising citrus junos having anti-wrinkle properties, and Park et al teaches that 9-hydroxy-4-methoxypsonalen is a natural component of citrus junos, that the combination of '358 and Park et al render the claimed invention obvious.

In reply, the Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2 to recite, "...wherein R is a methoxy group, or a 3-methyl-2-butenyl group." With the removal of R being a methoxy group, the 9-hydroxy-4-methoxypsonolen is not a possible compound from the claimed invention of claims 1 and 2.

The Applicant further contends that since '358 teaches a cream comprising citrus junos and Park et al teach the components of citrus junos, neither of these references individually or in combination teach a Prangenidin compound (wherein R = 3-methyl-2-butetyl group), which is not a component of citrus junos. Thus, as amended herein, claims 1 and 2 are not anticipated and non-obvious in view of 2002/0016358 and Park et al. At least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1 and 2, claims 3-6 are also patentable under 35 USC 103(a) in view of the cited references.

IV. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully contends that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims as amended. All amendments herein are made without prejudice. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

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